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Mixed Backbone Oligonucleotides Containing POPS Blocks to Obtain

**Reduced Phosphorothioate Content** 

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Commissioner for Patents:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2000, Applicant offers the following amendment and remarks.

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